



❖ SCENE: A 'NUTCRACKER' WITH A TWIST

Bellydancers infuse Arabian Nights into holiday classic

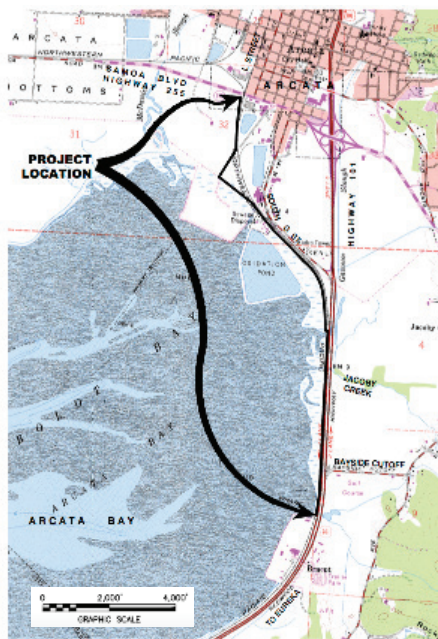
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❖ HUMBOLDT BAY TRAIL NORTH

Contract conundrum completed



HUMBOLDT BAY TRAIL NORTH Unless threatened legal action delays it, work on the new trail will begin next April. USGS QUADRANGLE MAP

Or ... is it?

Kevin L. Hoover
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – At its Nov. 16 meeting, the Arcata City Council awarded a contract for construction of phase II of the Humboldt Bay Trail North to McCullough Construction Inc. The three-mile trail linking south Arcata to just south of the Bayside Cutoff will cost \$4,690,763, though a five percent contingency fee of \$234,538.15 could bring the total to \$4,925,301.15.

The naming of McCullough had been delayed two weeks. After a TRAIL ❖ A2

'Tis the season



HOLIDAY HAPPINESS Thanksgiving went well in Arcata, with no one having to go hungry. Top, volunteers at the Arcata Veterans Memorial Building preside over pies and cookies at a Thanksgiving Day afternoon feast sponsored by the Humboldt State Student Veterans Association. Above, the Community Thanksgiving Dinner sponsored by Arcata House served hundreds (see Letters, page A5) at the Community Center, with Bob Doran's bountiful plate typical of the generous offerings. Left, from top, Bill Chino, Coco Maki and Carla Reitz prepare the Grand Tree in the lobby for auspicious arrivals Friday night.

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PLATE SHOT BY BOB DORAN | UNION

Mr. Claus arrives Thursday in McK, Friday in Arcata

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ARCATA/MCKINLEYVILLE – Santa season gets underway this week with St. Nick arriving in a big way in McKinleyville and Arcata.

McKinleyville

Mack Town's Christmas Celebration begins tomorrow night, Dec. 1, at 5 p.m. at the McKinleyville Shopping Center. Sponsored by the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce, the night kicks off with Christmas music by McKinleyville Middle School students, the Singing Comets and handbells by Dow's Prairie students. There will be horse-drawn carriage rides, kids' activities, treats, crafts and more, with Santa arriving at 5:30 p.m. on a fire truck. After he lights the giant Christmas tree, he'll be available for photos.

Arcata

Arcata Main Street invites the community to the heart of historic Arcata for the Season of Wonder and Light Open House Friday, Dec. 2. The fun begins at 5 p.m. with the Lighting Ceremony and activities for the whole family.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive on the Plaza at 6 p.m. with candy canes and photos with kids.

The evening will include the Redwood Coast Choir singing songs of peace and joy, stories by Paul Woodland and others, blessings by Bryan Jessop and live music. Write your wishes for the season, for yourself, our community

HOLIDAYS ❖ A2

Raze or rehab? Deck's destiny debated



DISTRICT DITHERS OVER DECK Built on shifting dune sands, this failing fixture needs attention, though some call it an "insult" to nature that should simply be demolished. JACK DURHAM | UNION

Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION

MANILA – From atop an observation deck out in the Manila Dunes Recreation Area, you can enjoy commanding views of the Pacific Ocean, Humboldt Bay, the Samoa Peninsula and, in the distance, Clam Beach and Trinidad Head.

Located on a high dune west of the Manila Community Center, it's an undeniably beautiful

spot, except for the deck itself, which has broken staircases and is dotted with graffiti.

The future of the observation deck was discussed Nov. 17 by the Manila Community Services District Board of Directors.

A major problem with the deck is that it was built atop a shifting sand dune. Concrete pads were carried to the site and used as the foundation.

DILAPI-DECK ❖ A3

Z-bucks hitting the roads

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – The failure of a sales tax ballot measure to pay for road repairs has led Humboldt County to tap a different funding source – Measure Z.

The county's Board of Supervisors made several financial decisions during a first quarter budget review at its Nov. 15 meeting.

One of the most significant focused on how to use \$935,000 of unspent Measure Z public safety sales tax revenue.

Board Chair Mark Lovelace said one of things that has changed since the board last reviewed Measure Z

funding is rejection of the Measure U sales tax by voters in the Nov. 8 election.

Measure U sought approval of a half-cent sales tax increase to generate revenue for road repairs in county and city areas. Approval of the measure would have produced \$10 million a year in revenue for the county and its cities over a 20-year period. But a 52.4 percent majority of voters rejected it.

Road maintenance is one of the allowed spending categories of the Measure Z tax. Lovelace said that probably contributed to Measure

ROADZ ❖ A3



Mark Lovelace

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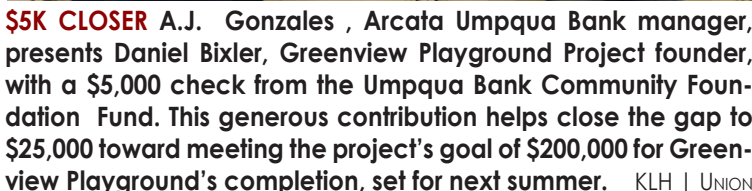
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❖ **FROM A1**
and the world, on ribbons and young elves on stilts will help tie them to the Community Wish Tree.

Sign up for the Ugly Holiday Sweater Run Sunday, Dec. 4 at 10 a.m. Don't have an ugly sweater? Bring your own plain sweater and decorate it with SCRAP Humboldt's supplies and expertise.

Local cookies and cider will be served by Arcata Main Street. Enjoy free horse-drawn carriage rides around the Plaza. Downtown stores will stay open late – check out all the Holiday Window displays and enjoy refreshments. Enter the Arcata Holiday Shopping Giveaway with a purchase of \$25 or more at participating stores. One lucky winner will

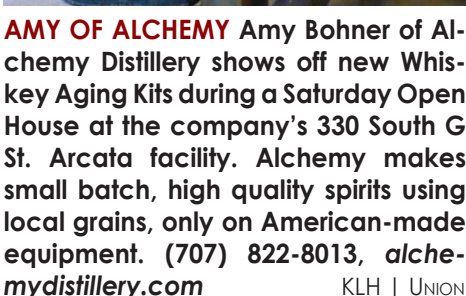
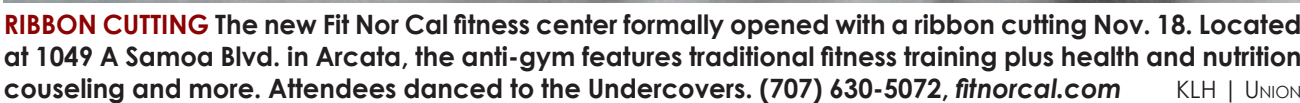
have \$500 to spend at any of those stores. Pick up an entry card at any of the stores or at Arcata Main Street's office at 761 Eighth St., end of the hall.

The following Friday, Dec. 9 from 6 to 9 p.m. is a special holiday Arts! Arcata with performances, art, community caroling, Store Window Display Contest with public judging and more free carriage rides around the Plaza.

Toss your spare change into jars at participating stores throughout the month to benefit Arcata House Partnership.

Santa Claus will be available for naughty/nice evaluations at Jacoby's Storehouse Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 and 18 from 2 to 5 p.m.

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ARCATA – Pat Knittel is on a roll – she recently married Ben Jain at the Arcata Veterans Memorial Building, and her Arcata-based Wrangletown Cider Company has now been named a finalist in the 2017 Good Food Awards.

Feisty Dog Orchard Cider, produced by Wrangletown Cider Company, was selected as a finalist in a field of 2,000 entries from across the country. Apples for this cider are sourced from Feisty Dog Orchard based in Redcrest, owned and farmed by Matt Mikel.

Three other Humboldt County companies have been named as finalists as well – Dick Taylor Craft Chocolate, Humboldt Cider Company and Eel River Brewing Company.

Said a press release, “Representing 14 categories and 38 states, all finalists rose to the top in a blind tasting of the 2,059 entries from nearly every state and passed a rigorous vetting to confirm they met specific Good Food Awards standards around environmentally sound agriculture practices, good animal husbandry, sourcing trans-



JACOBY'S GIFTING PROJECT

ARCATA – Jacoby's Storehouse, PastaLuego and Arcata Exchange are teaming up to bring Christmas cheer to underprivileged children via the Jacoby's Gifting Project.

Fifty children's names and ages will appear on the Christmas tree at Arcata Exchange, Eighth & H

streets, Arcaia. Participants are asked to purchase a gift and leave it under the tree before Dec. 23 at 4 p.m. The gifts will be presented at a private gathering at the Storehouse.

For details, visit the Jacoby's Gifting Project page on Facebook or contact Coco Maki at cocopastal-uego@yahoo.com.

TIME WARP Persons with conventional notions of time and order will have doubtless been distressed by the *Mad River Union 2017 Calendar* inserted in the edition of Nov. 23, because, well, it didn't come out quite as planned. For those persons, we have commissioned a special linear edition of the calendar, one which will be included with next week's edition and correct any extant space-time anomalies. All are advised to bequeath last week's misprinted calendar to their descendants, as it is sure to be a valuable collector's item by 2117. Thank you.

There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.

Colin Powell



lengthy bidding process, city staff had disqualified three of the five bidders for technical deficiencies in their bids, deeming them “nonresponsive.”

Several of the contractors disputed their disqualifications, citing what they said were problems with the city’s process, and asked for a re-bid. A few implied possible legal consequences.

But staff defended the process and stuck with its recommendation that McCullough get the job. City Attorney Nancy Diamond assured the council that it had “an enormous amount of discretion” under law to define which bids were responsive or not. She reviewed the problems with the bids that were deemed nonresponsive – the key one being a failure to provide a Non-Collusion Affidavit – a document that ensures that the bid is a valid one.

“You should feel very comfortable

with your decision,” Diamond said. The affidavit, she told the council, “is not a minor little point of state law. It’s required in all public construction contracts.”

Attorney John Klotsche, a construction litigator for disqualified bidder Mercer-Fraser Company, told the council that it had incorrectly specified that the affidavit be provided by the “awardee,” a status which none of the bidders could claim until after the contract had been awarded.

Thus, Klotsche claimed, a signed affidavit wasn’t required of the bid, that it isn’t disqualifying, that the city was about to violate state law and that it could suffer legal consequences.

“Nothing in there requires any bidder to sign a specific document,” Klotsche said.

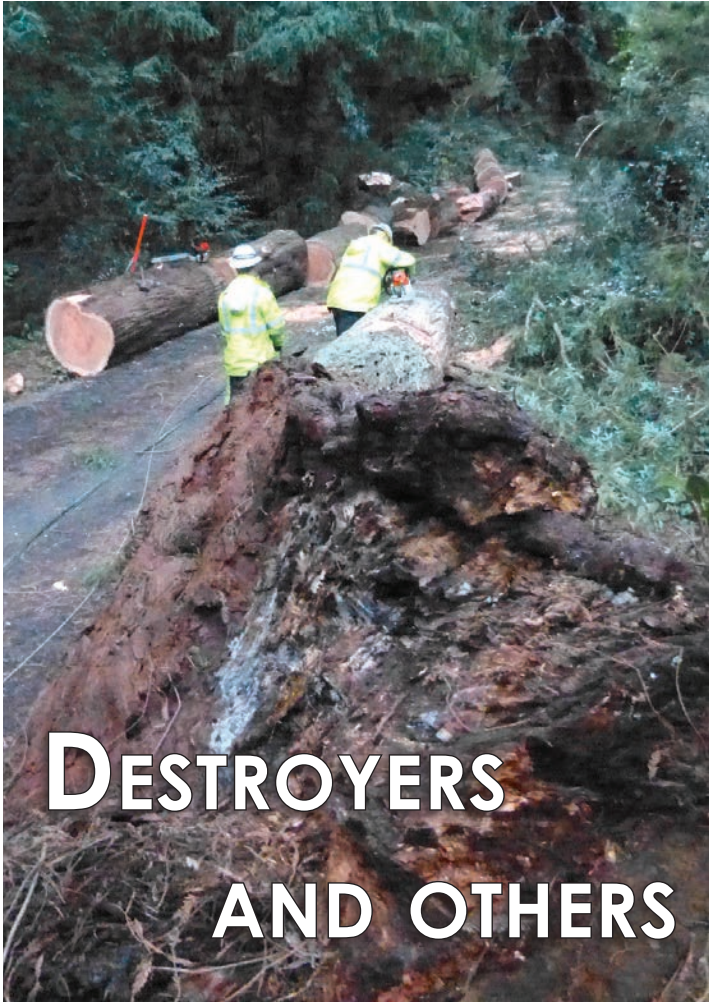
He recommended that the city either re-bid the entire project, or

award the bid to the lowest bidder. Stewart Construction, which had been deemed nonresponsive. But that would have required the city to hand over a multimillion-dollar contract to a bidder that had not provided an affidavit assuring that its proposal is valid.

Klotsche had prepared a detailed presentation, but was cut short when he exceeded the three-minute limit on public speakers. He asked for five minutes. Mayor Paul Pitino, who likes to keep meetings brisk, limited the attorney to one additional minute.

But Klotsche's protestations came to naught. After minimal deliberation, the council unanimously adopted the staff recommendation and approved McCullough's bid. Construction of phase II of the trail is set to begin next April, though legal threats, if carried out, could delay it.

GOVERNING BODY	NEXT MEETING	MEETING LOCATION	MORE INFORMATION
Arcata City Council Meets first & third Wednesday	Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m.	Council Chamber, Arcata City Hall 736 F St., Arcata	cityofarcata.org
Blue Lake City Council Meets second & fourth Tuesday	Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m.	Skinner Store Buiding behind City Hall	bluelake.ca.gov/city/ council/agendas
Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation & Conservation District Meets second & fourth Thursday	Thursday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.	Woodley Island Marina Meeting Room	humboldtбай.org/meetings- agendas-and-public-notice s
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (HBMWD) Meets fourth Thursday	Thursday, Dec. 22 at 7 p.m.	Boardroom, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, 828 Seventh St., Eureka	hbmwd.com/meeting- schedule
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors Meets every Tuesday	Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 9 a.m.	Board Chambers, Humboldt Co. Courthouse, 825 Fifth St., Eureka	humboldt.legistar.com/ Calendar.aspx
Manila Community Services District (Manila CSD) Meets third Thursday	Thursday, Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m.	Room I, Manila Community Center, 1611 Peninsula Dr., Manila	manilacsd.com/Agendas_ Minutes_and_Forms.htm
McKinleyville Community Services District (MCS D) Meets first Wednesday	today, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m.	Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville	mckinleyvillecsd.com
McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) Meets last Wednesday	today, Nov. 30 at 6 p.m.	Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville	humboldt.gov.org/238/ McKinleyville-Municipal- Advisory-Committ
Trinidad City Council Meets second Wednesday	Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m.	Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St., Trinidad	trinidad.ca.gov/city- government/city-council.html



BAD NEWS GOOD NEWS Nature took its course the windy night of Nov. 18, when a redwood tree blew down on Grotzman Road taking three utility poles with it. Power was out for a day or so as a tree service, left, sectioned the fallen redwood and cleared the road. Last week, a \$400 bench made from Arcata Community Forest redwood by the High Rock conservation camp, above, was graffitied and splintered to pieces. The memorial bench will be replaced with a \$1,500 steel version. Countering some of the destruction in Shay Park Saturday was a 22-person crew of Volunteer Trail Stewards, including George Ziminsky, above right, who eradicated a lot of graffiti. Three cubic yards of trash were removed and an illegal camp decommissioned. After that, a trash collection crew was dispatched to head down K Street, right, picking up litter. PHOTOS BY KLH | UNION, CENTER PHOTO COURTESY MARK ANDRE | CITY OF ARCATA



Ruth Lake reservoir is full of 15+ billion gallons of water

HUMBOLDT BAY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
EUREKA – The Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District announced last week that Ruth Reservoir, the source of water supply to over 80,000 residents of the Humboldt Bay area, has filled for the first time in Water Year 2016-17, which started on Oct. 1. The reservoir holds 48,030 acre-feet of water when full, or 15.65 billion gallons. Also since Oct. 1, 15.58 inches of rainfall have accumulated in Eureka as of midnight of Nov. 23. This represents 258 percent of the normal amount of rainfall during that period. Additional rainfall on Nov. 23 and through the rest of Thanksgiving week was expected to cause the reservoir to rise further, providing additional flow over the spillway at Matthews Dam, which impounds Ruth Reservoir. During October and November, the district has been running its hydropower plant up to its capacity of 1,350 kilowatts, with 250 cubic feet per second of water flowing through both turbines (or approximately 134 million gallons per day). This is the earliest in the water year that Ruth Reservoir has filled during the past 10 years. Drought conditions did not exist on the Mad Riv-



RUTH LAKE With Matthews Dam in the distance. SUBMITTED PHOTO
er last year, and so far, Water Year 2016-17 has been one of the wettest on record. Formed in 1956, the district supplies water to seven municipal water supply agencies, including the Cities of Arcata, Blue Lake and Eureka, and the following Community Services Districts: Fieldbrook-Glendale, Humboldt, Manila and McKinleyville. The district also provides water directly to approximately 200 residences and businesses in Arcata and on the Samoa Peninsula.

Dilapi-deck | Scrap it? Lower it? Move it?

FROM A1
dation for the structure’s staircase, according to District Manager Chris Drop. Eventually, the sand shifted and blew away, allowing the concrete pads to slip down the dune. Without any support, the steps themselves fell apart, and are now scattered in the European beach grass that surrounds the structure. When this first happened, the district tried to repair the deck, and then surrounded it with a slatted fence intended to hold the sand. But the ever-moving sand again drifted away, and the steps fell apart. The district is now considering what to do. One option floated is to just scrap the whole observation deck. Although that may seem like a logical choice for the district, there’s a catch – the deck was installed using state grant funds. If the district removes the deck, it may have to pay that grant money back to the state. At last week’s meeting, Drop told the board that the district may have spent \$38,000 on the deck, although he wasn’t able to confirm this. The deck was built before Drop

joined the district in 2008. Another option is to lower the deck down, so it sits flatly on the sand dune, thereby removing the need for the steps. Drop said there has also been talk of moving the deck to a different location. The district has budgeted \$1,500 for the project. During public comment, Uri Driscoll blamed the problem on the removal of invasive plants on the dunes. The removal of the plants allowed the dunes to shift and move, thereby damaging the observation deck. He suggested that the Friends of the Dunes should pay for the repairs. Manila resident Dan Edrich said the observation deck should be removed. “That should never have been built,” said Edrich, who called the deck “an insult to our nature.” Drop said that Director Carol Vander Meer has been studying the issue, but was unable to attend last week’s meeting. The board ultimately decided to continue the discussion to a future meeting.

RoadZ | Measure U’s failure forces funding reconsideration

FROM B1
U’s loss and he supported allocating \$500,000 of the available Measure Z money for road work. He said that he has had conversations with people, including members of groups such as the Eureka Chamber of Commerce, and was told that one of the reasons for opposing Measure U was that the county already has Measure Z for road funding. But Lovelace added that “we know that there is a huge ongoing need for road maintenance” and “the opportunity to have that dedicated funding for 20 years into the future to do it is gone at this point.” Supervisor Estelle Fennell said she is “very disappointed” that most voters did not support Measure U. “But I’ll tell you this much, I hear a lot from them every day of the week about roads,” she added. “Every single road in the county we get calls about so when it comes to safety, which is what Measure Z is all about, I really support kicking down some funding to the roads department.” The county’s fire chiefs association’s request for Measure Z funding was not fully funded for the current fiscal year, but Fennell said fire officials would likely agree that there is

a strong link between public safety and road maintenance. She added that the \$500,000 of Measure Z funding “is not going to go anywhere close to what we could have done with Measure U – it’s going to be Band-Aids from now on.” Supervisor Rex Bohn noted that Measure Z has paid for new fire trucks, and stable roads will reduce wear and tear on them. “One of the things that tears [up] our rural fire department trucks is the roads because they’re responding at a high rate of speed,” he said. “Exactly – I don’t think they’d object to improving the roads,” said Fennell. Bohn said that Measure Z has led to a 985 percent overall increase in fire department budgets while funding for road work has increased by less than 10 percent. Supervisors unanimously approved using \$500,000 of Measure Z money for road repairs. The remaining \$335,000 of Measure Z revenue is being set aside for drug and alcohol treatment services pending the mid-year budget review this February. This year’s Measure Z revenue is expected to meet the \$10.4 million target that was budgeted. But \$100,000 ap-

proved for a school resource police officer for Arcata and McKinleyville will not be spent. Supervisor Ryan Sundberg said the request has been pulled this year due to the county Sheriff’s Office and the Arcata Police Department not being able to fill positions. “They’re doing the best they can and are hiring people as quickly as they can,” he said. “They’re definitely not slacking on it – they have a bunch of people in the academy right now and it’s just a shortage of officers.” In other budget matters, Supervisors agreed to allocate money by forwarding last year’s fund balance to this year. They approved using \$20,000 to continue to hire a water rights attorney and \$10,000 for maintenance and upkeep of portable bathrooms at county parks. This year’s budget scenario is positive, as the county’s 2015 to 2016 General Fund saw a year-end balance that was \$3 million higher than expected. A one-time payment from the state and \$1.24 million in unspent reserves contributed to the higher balance.

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- ◆ 5:30–7:00 p.m. Free kid’s activities, balloon animals and horse-drawn carriage rides, Christmas treats, crafts & more. Shops open late with special sales. Book Sale by Friends of the Library.
- ◆ 5:30 p.m. **SANTA CLAUS ARRIVES** on a fire truck and lights the giant Christmas tree! Sponsored by the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce.
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the phrase, “Stay away from me” was heard in the background. **7:41 a.m.** A guy at the donut shop said someone keeps coming back and taking pictures of him.

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❖ LETTERS

To the Republic

In reference to the cartoon labeled “Crashing American Democracy” in the *Mad River Union*, besides the fact it is by an immature sore loser, is inaccurate and the writer is misinformed.

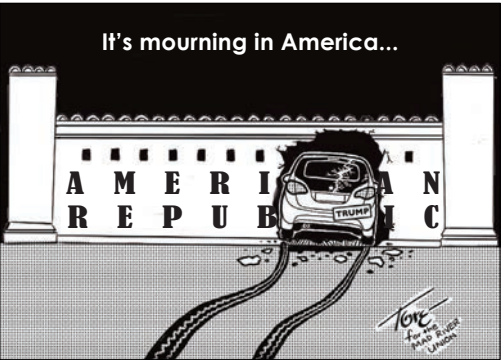
We are not nor have we ever been a Democracy. Our founders formed a Constitutional Representative Republic. The rule of law. Democracy is the rule of majority, which becomes mob rule. It doesn’t work and never has. Our founders knew this and they shunned it.

If you read our pledge, it states, “And to the Republic for which it stands.” You will not find the word Democracy in any of our founding documents whether they be the Bill of Rights, the Constitution or its amendments. And the Federalist Papers speak out against it. Even our president uses this word as do a lot of people including congressmen.

I have been writing about this for a long time but it doesn’t seem to sink in. I feel these people want us to be a democracy and if they say it long enough, people will believe it. No one wants to do the research needed to prove my point.

As Benjamin Franklin, when asked what have you given us, replied, “A republic if you can keep it.” In the last few years we have had a tough time keeping it.

Alfred Parodi
McKinleyville



POINT TAKEN Fixed it for ya.
CARTOON BY TERRY TORGERSON & KLH | UNION

What to do

Like a number of my family and friends, I was very disappointed with the results to the past election! Of course, other friends and colleagues were not.

One aspect of my disappointment was personal. All five children (now adult) in my family are members of specific groups that have been overtly and directly disrespected by President-elect Donald Trump, as are 12 of my 14 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. My personal assessment is that candidate Trump is one of the most disagreeable persons I have ever encountered in the public sector. Such overt and persistent disrespect is hurtful to me, and I often found myself very angry at hearing his perspectives. Such perspectives are not compatible with the society I envision for the future.

There have been numerous negative responses to Donald Trump’s election. These include a “Not My President” movement, numerous caustic letters to the editor, encouraging the Electoral College to not elect him, and the calls of some to not be patient but to completely block anything he attempts.

The question I am struggling with is, realistically, how should I respond? What can I do? It has been helpful to me to read a number of thoughtful assessments, including those of columnists Jim Wallis and Nicholas Kristoff. Some of my personal responses are:

a. Acknowledging that Donald J. Trump is the President-elect and will be the next President, despite my sincere wishes that it were different.

b. Rejecting demonizing or name-calling toward President-elect Trump or his supporters; these stop good communication. Rather, honest and thoughtful discussions among all members of our society are needed to address key issues.

c. Increasing my ability to listen. The great majority of people voting for Donald Trump did not do so for the personal qualities of the man I find so disagreeable. Rather, I believe Trump has tapped into a serious and severe

discontent among some voters, particularly white American voters, that has not adequately been addressed in contemporary political discussions. Some of that discontent may result from the gradual decline in recent years of the white vote as the dominant influence to the makeup of American politics. However, a sense of decline and hopelessness by many voters for adequate income and security in the future also is a likely contributor. I need to be more open to listening and hearing these unaddressed concerns.

d. Opposing the appointment of governmental officials who are unqualified or bigoted. I recognize that the cabinet President-elect Trump is assembling includes a number of individuals with personal philosophies very different from my own. But, I also recognize that most have credentials reasonable for their positions and it is the prerogative of Presidents to select the advisors they believe can best support their platforms. One exception among the appointees is Stephen K. Bannon, whose role I believe is inappropriate for a healthy government; I have written my Congressional representatives opposing this appointment.

e. Continuing my responsibility for being a thoughtful and active citizen. I must remain fully responsible to challenge government policies and practices that are disrespectful of others in our society. For example, I will continue to support programs to reduce climate change; I will continue to support the well-being of refugees and to oppose overt discrimination of all groups including Muslims, Latinos, African-Americans, women, members of the LGBTQ communities, Native Americans, etc. I will continue to oppose mass deportation of immigrants and the cutting of millions from their healthcare programs. Like most other citizens, I look to a society where everyone is treated with dignity and respect.

f. Acknowledging positive changes produced by the Trump administration.

g. Thinking in smaller ways to persistently contribute, even when they might seem naïve. The Dalai Lama once commented, “My religion is kindness.” Philosopher Søren Kierkegaard wrote that “purity of heart is to will one thing – the good” – not because of what one may gain by doing the good – but because the good itself has intrinsic value. Being conscious of extending kindness and the good in my daily life, including with those disagreeing with my perspectives, is a contribution I can make at any time.

No doubt many readers of this letter can identify “the important points he missed.” I welcome your responses to me or, in more public formats, such as letters to the editor. Such responses are important to the larger discussion I believe must be held for us ultimately to work together in these divisive times.

Richard G. Botzler
McKinleyville

Dialogue, not differences

I am writing because most of my friends, much of my community, and I myself am feeling disappointment and unease following the outcome of the presidential election. But in these days of uncertainty and division it is heartwarming to know that simple human kindness still not only exists, but crosses all party, political, geographic and other divides.

Please join me in taking a moment to contemplate that fact. What holds us together and makes us better and stronger is our common humanity. Most of us recognize and are concerned about the world’s problems, and have empathy for those who suffer and are less well off. I doubt that any of us sees war or violence as the answer to anything. Generally, our differences are not over recognizing what ails us, but rather over who has the best prescription for curing the illnesses.

Isn’t the fact that we all want to make things better for humanity important enough to draw us together in dialogue rather than castigate each other for our disagreements over solutions?

I have lived long enough to have learned that I am not smart enough to know all the answers or even all the questions. I do know this though – life is better when we

care for each other and when we take a precious moment to be kind to each other.

May we all work together to make this world a humane and peaceful place.

Carilyn Hammer Goldammer
Arcata

Now, back to work

Access Humboldt’s mission to support “Local voices through community media” is accomplished through US laws and regulations that implement public policies made in the Nation’s Capitol. So, even though Access Humboldt is a community-based organization focused on Humboldt County and the North Coast region of California, the outcomes of the U.S. election and decisions made in Washington, DC have profound implications for our work.

Beyond potential legislative outcomes in Congress, Federal agencies including the Departments of Commerce and Agriculture have essential roles to play – none more important than the Federal Communications Commission which operates as an independent agency. The majority of the five member FCC is determined by the President’s selection of Chair, subject to Senate approval, with agenda setting authority and limited Congressional oversight.

While the principles of universal access, diversity, and equity – the building blocks for freedom of information and free expression – are not partisan, many of the FCC actions that Access Humboldt has applauded over recent years were decided on 3-2 votes, along partisan lines.

Important FCC policies reformed in the past few years include: Open Internet, Consumer Protection, Broadband Privacy and Universal Service reforms such as the Connect America Fund for high-cost rural areas, E-Rate for Schools and Libraries, and Lifeline for low-income folks. Sadly, we anticipate substantial undermining of these public interest reforms, causing potentially catastrophic erosion of the foundations for the social contract between private communications/media utilities and the communities they are meant to serve.

Results of the 2016 US Election demand that we renew our call to honor the social contract between private interests of corporate shareholders and the public – to effectively support localism, diversity and competition across media and technology platforms.

Community media are a local resource, based in the communities we serve, focused on local needs and interests. Access Humboldt provides safe places both real and virtual for people of all ages and backgrounds to be heard. All community members, including natives, immigrants, people with disabilities, and the most vulnerable in our communities have access to media that can empower and transform people’s lives, promoting inclusion, diversity and mutual respect.

By providing open platforms for difficult discussions on social issues and for reflection on controversial issues of public importance, we build understanding and cultural awareness and stand up for all the members of the communities we serve – no matter whether, or how they voted. At Access Humboldt, we plan to redouble our efforts to improve communication and understanding among all the citizens of our county, and we need all the help we can get. U.S. Election 2016 is done, now back to work.

Sean McLaughlin
Access Humboldt executive director

Measures H&I thanks

With many thanks to the residents of Arcata, Measures H and I were passed! The Arcata Elementary School District can now plan for upgrading and repairing classrooms as well as addressing immediate maintenance and safety concerns. We will be able to maintain art, music, and dance programs; retain certificated teachers and our class sizes; and increase mental health services for students. The district is grateful to the many Arcatans who supported these measures with over 73 percent of the vote. The students of the district benefit by

Arcata’s dedication to education.

Progress of the implementation of these Measures will be posted on the district’s website, *arcataschooldistrict.org*, including performance and annual audits. An independent Citizen’s Oversight Committee will be established to ensure that bond and parcel tax funds are properly spent.

The Arcata Elementary School District Board of Trustees extends a hearty “Thank You!” to our district residents. Your decision to support Measures H and I will allow the district to significantly improve the quality of education and school facilities to over 500 local students. Your investment will benefit Arcata for many years to come!

With appreciation,
Stacy Atkins-Salazar, board president
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Arcata House thanks

On Thanksgiving Day, over 120 volunteers came together to offer an amazing Thanksgiving Dinner to members of our community. Approximately 680 meals were served to people who came to the Community Center and were delivered to those who could not make it.

A small planning committee made up of Darlene Spoor, Navarra Carr and Judy Kidd from Arcata House Partnership, HSU Intern Lauren Pollock, Nicole (Coco) Maki from Pasta Luego, Sharon King and Leslie Zondervan-Droz from the Humboldt Friends Meeting led the effort. It was the hundreds of volunteers that made it all happen. People were welcomed, offered food and enjoyed music provided by Bob and Ebba and Eli Bagiski: Harpist.

Offerings, most of which were donated by our community, included turkey, mashed potatoes, yams, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, salad, bread and an array of drinks and deserts. The compassion and caring that our community showed in support of the day was more than we could have imagined. There were so many people willing to volunteer we had to ask some people to be on stand-by.

Comments from the community included: thank you for caring; what a wonderful meal; I enjoyed being able to listen to music after my dinner; I would have been home alone today if not for this; we were able to come in out of the cold and enjoy warm food; I didn’t realize there were so many people in Arcata who cared. And from those who volunteered comments like: thanks for allowing our family to participate; I am grateful that I could be of assistance; WOW! this was an amazing experience thank you; this was a way for me to get my community service hours in for school but it was so much more; it was nice to see that the privileged and the needy sat together to enjoy this day.

Sponsors included: Arcata House Partnership; Arcata Exchange; Arcata High School Culinary Class; Arcata Presbyterian Church; Arcata United Methodist Church; Arcata Zen Group; City of Arcata; California Conservation Crew; Church of the Latter Day Saints of Jesus Christ; Costco; Eli Bagiski: Harpist; Humboldt Friends Meeting; Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship; Interact Club from Arcata High School; music by Bob & Ebba; PastaLuego; Ramones; SCRAP Humboldt; Sources of Strength Club from Arcata High School; St. Mary’s Catholic Church; Stars Hamburgers; Stepp-Up; Westside Pizza; Zero Waste Humboldt and many individual cash donations.

On behalf of the planning committee, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who cooked, donated food, volunteered, and enjoyed Thanksgiving Dinner at the Arcata Community Center.

Darlene A. Spoor, Ed.D.,
executive director
Arcata House Partnership

Now what to do?

I spent Saturday morning with a group of mostly older people doing their best to cope with the shock and uncertainty of finding themselves in a dangerous and unpredictable country. Many such gatherings have been happening since the election. These last two weeks have been the most somber and distressing I have experienced since President John Kennedy was assassinated.

The sense of loss is made more difficult by the reaction of the Democratic party establishment, including President Obama, and the corporate media, all of whom are working mightily to restore a sense of normalcy to the situation in which we find ourselves.

In that spirit of moving on, we are told there’s money to be made in building walls, privatizing roads, bridges, water systems and freeing all enterprises from pesky environmental or safety constraints.

Hurrah! Back to the days of *caveat emptor*.

Many of the people I have interacted with over this period have consoled themselves by saying how lucky we are to live here in our Humboldt County bubble.

It is consoling to note that we are all in this together, that we have to look out for one another, do what we can to protect the most vulnerable, and resist the militarization of our law enforcement. We can hope that the Republican wing of the local Democrats won’t be parking any tanks on the Plaza.

Meanwhile, there are many groups forming to mount a resistance to the takeover of our inclusive culture. The pushback to that has already started, with a local blogger calling for an economic boycott of the Humboldt Area Foundation for supporting such groups forming.

It’s important to remember that Trump did get votes here and that at least a minority of our residents are happy that Trump has been elected.

Years ago, I read *The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich* trying to imagine how such a thing could happen. How

could the German people have allowed their country to be taken over by someone like Hitler?

I was younger then and prone to being judgmental. I think I understand it better now.

Mary Ella Anderson has a neighbor with a bumper sticker that reads “I defeat my enemy when I make them my friend.”



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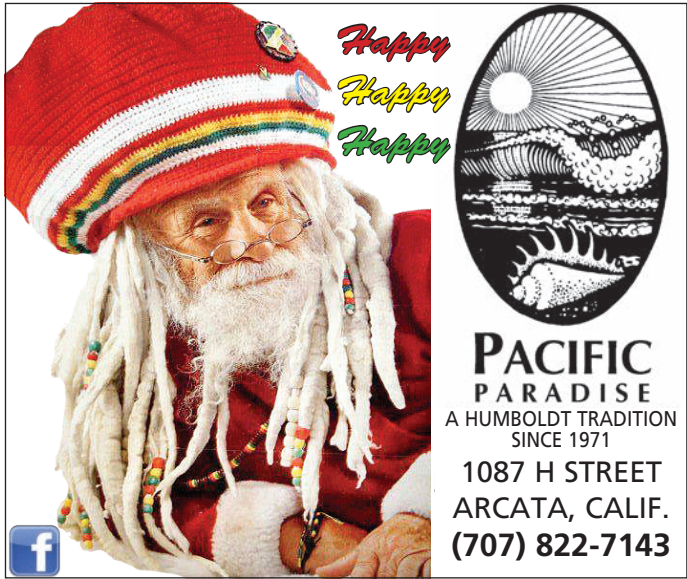
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The Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District has a vacancy, effective January 13, 2017, for its Division 5 Director. The term expires December 4, 2018, with the election for this position during November 2018. The person appointed to fill this vacancy would serve through December 3, 2018.

Anyone interested in being considered to fill the vacancy must reside within the boundaries of Division 5, which is comprised primarily of the Arcata area and extends east through Blue Lake. A map and legal description are available for inspection at the District's Eureka office. Contact the County's Election Division (445-7481) to confirm residency within HBMWD's Division 5.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please submit a letter of interest and resume to the District no later than the close of business (5 p.m.) on Monday, December 19, 2016. You may mail the information to: PO Box 95, Eureka 95502-0095, deliver it directly to 828 7th Street, Eureka, or email to: office@hbmwd.com.

The Board will determine which candidates to interview for the position. If selected as a candidate, you will be notified.

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ARABIAN NIGHTS Shoshanna presents *Nutcracker: Arabian Nights*, a bellydance-infused, creative retelling of the classic story for the whole family Saturday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 4 at 4 p.m. at Redwood Raks World Dance Studio in Arcata's Old Creamery. This production features a variety of local talent as well as special guest Emily Alrick, left, of Ashland, Ore. as the Sugar Plum Fairy. Additional performers include the Ya Habibi Dance Company; Susie Kidd; swing dancers Erik Rez as the Nutcracker and Kira Hudson as Clara; Alexandra Stock; Rockin' Rubies; Humboldt Rockers Breakdancers; Redwood Coast Soo Bahk Do Karate school; Tribal Oasis Belly Dance, aerial silk artist Nathalie Mostrel and many more. Tickets are \$10/\$8 for students and seniors/\$5 for children under 12. (707) 616-6876, shoshannaland.com/nutcracker.html SUBMITTED PHOTO

Hot & Cool Licks



THE HUM
Bob Doran

which means I supply my friend with some of the music he plays.

Many of my friends are DJs on KHSU (90.5 FM), which people think of as "the college station" — after all, it's named for Humboldt State University — but my friends are long past their college days. There are actually two campus stations operating pretty much independently.

The *other* station, KRFH (105.1 FM) perhaps ironically calls itself Radio Free Humboldt. For the last 25 years plus, it has been where people enrolled in radio classes learn how to do what they do. In the past, the station was only broadcast on campus (in the University Center for example) and over the all-important digital "airwaves" of the world wide web.

There's a show on KRFH called "Local Lixx" with a steady stream of local bands of various stripes. They put on a big free show at the university every year called **Lixxapalooza**. It borrows its name from



PSYCHEDELIC SURF PUNKS The Mother Vines to play Lixxapalooza. BOB DORAN | UNION

Lollapalooza, the annual music festival featuring alt. rock, metal, punk, hip hop, and EDM acts that's been going since the

THE HUM ❖ BS

The ultimate sophistication

Paul Mann

MAD RIVER UNION

EUREKA — The sculptures and paintings of two native Frenchmen evoke the truth of art unadorned in their December exhibit at the Piante Gallery in Old Town Eureka.

Some 40 minimalist works by Daniel Frachon of Trinidad and Marceau Verdier of Freshwater are the embodiment of Leonardo da Vinci's aphorism, "Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication."

The joint display comprises some 15 to 20 of Frachon's ceramic sculptures and about two dozen of Verdier's oil paintings on wood panels and paper.

Frachon and Verdier are well-known on the North Coast; both have exhibited separately in the



'TRACES OF SILENCE' Painter Marceau Verdier shows works, above, in a joint exhibit with those of sculptor Daniel Frachon, below.

past at Piante.

The show's title, "Traces of Silence," derives from the artists' mutual desire to renew appreciation for quietude in an everyday world which they find choked and defiled by aural and visual pollution.

The exhibit honors restraint and nuanced expression. The artists showcase the elegance of restraint and subtlety, fused with spare colorants.

Certain elements of Frachon's gnarled, wizened structures recall the black knobby stick figures of the Swiss existentialist sculptor Alberto Giacometti. Like Giacometti, the Paris-born Frachon (who moved to Montréal when he was 7) paints many of his works black, a pigment which for him communicates no mood, statement, symbol or meaning. He intends it as a non-color and thus, by definition, minimalist.

However, he adds tones of amber, ochre, xanthus

and chalky white as accents and counterpoints. He also applies light, watery glazes and sealants to some works, affording a tony, lacquer-like finish.

Frachon's horizontal and vertical creations are made of ceramic clay, a material inclined to brittleness. Gingerly, using little pieces of wood he has carved himself (he is a master wood craftsman), he imprints and embosses the clay with miniature bas-reliefs of delicacy and fineness, some of them obliquely anthropomorphic.

"I try to bring out the figurative and architectural elements, giving depth to a plane surface," he said.

Those features are gossamer-like, but in their physicality his sculptures convey strength and inviolability — as if their silence were impervious to the noise pollution with which society abounds.

Some of the black creations resemble burnt or

SILENCE ❖ B3

ARCATA PLAYHOUSE

ARCATA — The Arcata Playhouse's annual holiday production opens this Thursday. *Jack and the Holiday Beans* is a family fun musical romp for the holidays with a cavalcade of special guests. The show is a madcap take on the fairy tale favorite *Jack and the Beanstalk*, performed in English pantomime style with campy characters, wild costumes and rowdy audience participation. And of course, you guessed it, a special appearance by Bigfoot as the giant rounds out the show.

In the tradition of the Playhouse seasonal fare, this hilarious holiday comedy is filled with silly jokes, musical acts, guests galore, and fun for the whole family.

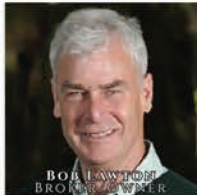
The production features local favorites **MY, WHAT HAIRY LEGS YOU HAVE** Jack and his mother encounter a suspiciously large pair of gams in *Jack and the Holiday Beans*.

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James Peck, Amy Tetzlaff, Sarah Peters, Alyssa Hughlett, David Ferney, Kit Mann, Jackie Dandeneau and the Blue Lake Community Choir with special guests nightly. Special guests to include No Limits Dance, Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir, Sam McNeill's Academy Fiddlers, Tisha Sloan, Bandonium, Dell'Arte Students, belly dancer Shoshanna and more!

With live music by Tim Randles, written by the cast and directed by James Peck with lighting by David Ferney and set by Lush Newton, the show will have you reaching for the hot chocolate and fresh baked cookies as you settle into some nice holiday cheer.

Jack and the Holiday Beans runs Thursday through Sunday, Dec. 1 to 10. Tickets are \$12/\$10 for students and seniors/\$8 for kids 12 and under. All shows start at 7:30 p.m. except for Sunday, Dec. 4 at 2 p.m. (707) 822-1575, arcataplayhouse.org



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♦ **FROM B1**
'90s. Without getting into too much history, I'll mention that Diggin' Dirt, Buddy Reed, Farmhouse Odyssey, The No Good Redwood Ramblers and The Trouble all played the Lixx show and the local 'Palooza.

KRFH presents Lixxapalooza Saturday, Dec. 3, from 7 p.m. until midnight (curfew) in the University Center, with music in two rooms. There's EDM in the South Lounge with **COASTRAL** aka **Alejandro Arredondo** with "chill" sounds "influenced by the depth of the sea and the infinity of the universe." Or **Psyborg** aka **Aaron Green** (son of my friend, the late Eldin), **seatones** (about to release a full album), **Forrest Bump** aka **Brandon Pepper** with house/techno/etc. from Huntington Beach, and **Noxly** who just might be from Zimbabwe (based on my limited Googling).

Meanwhile, in the Kate Buchanan Room they have non-electronic music by **Griddle Cakes**, a duo playing "upbeat, foot-stomping, yodeling cowboy tunes." There's **Over Yonder**, who (from the name) you might assume are along the same lines, but instead are a "psychedelic primal blues band." **Okie Bourgeois** is a duo I'd describe as Neil-esque. And last (maybe) but not least, **The Mother Vines**, a "psychedelic surf punk rock" band. The lovely **GiGi Stardust** of The Vines actually invited me to the show. Her husband, "**Mr. Paulson**," is the wild guitar player. (He goes by various aliases but FB no longer allows that.) I "like" them a lot. The FB invite also lists "???", which could mean they're recruiting more bands, or it might be a band named ??? that I haven't heard yet. If you're interest-

ed in the future of NoHum local music, check out this show. Did I mention this Radio Free Humboldt extravaganza is free?

World beats
Elsewhere on campus that Saturday, in the Van Duzer, the **Humboldt State Calypso Band, Percussion Ensembles and World Percussion Group** showcase a range of rhythm-centric music from the students of longtime local rhythm kings **Eugene Novotney** and **Howard Kaufman** of the HSU Music Dept. The Percussion Ensembles explores contemporary and experimental sounds, "World" means West African and Brazilian samba, and the steely HSU Calypso Band, well, you know what they do. The band celebrated its 30th anniversary last spring. Howie and Eugene are local legends who have shaped Humboldt music for decades. This is another side of the future of local music in action.

Eureka Symphony
Friday and Saturday at the Arkley Center it's the annual **Eureka Symphony Holiday Concert** featuring a pre-Xmas program including Howard Blake's *The Snowman* (the soundtrack for that cute cartoon you've seen many times) with **Alex Gellner** narrating, J. S. Bach's *Cantata BWV 191 Gloria in excelsis Deo* with a chorus and soloists, and Vivaldi's *Violin Concerto in E-Major* featuring concertmaster **Terri Baune** on violin, all under the baton of **Maestra Carol Jacobson**. As usual, if you want to get some education, they have "musical notes" at 7 p.m. before the show. BTW, you might want to dress up, considering the venue and the orchestra in formal dress and all.

Varied weekend
Friday at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, World Famous presents more cutting edge EDM with

Dimond Saints, a duo from Oakland with **An-ten-nae** and **Relece** focusing on "future beats & bass" of a somewhat dreamy nature, and **Stylust Beats** aka **Geoff Reich** from SF, influenced by a background in skate punk and hip hop.

Across town at the Jam Friday night, **Diggin' Dirt** celebrates the release of their second album, *Full Season*. They switch sounds from song to song from funk to reggae, always tempered with rock. (BTW, the band recently played a show on the aforementioned Local Lixx archived on SoundCloud.) **Dubadubs** opens with some reggae.

Humboldt Brews has a long weekend planned starting Thursday with **Zepparella**, an all woman Led Zeppelin tribute from the Greater Northwest who have built a large local following. (They rock.)

Friday, again at Humbrews, it's indie rock by **Ages and Ages** from Portland. They have a clean sound, heavy on the harmony vocals. On a side note, Wikipedia tells us, "In 2013 the band changed their name from AgesandAges to Ages and Ages." I guess the lack of spaces confused editors.

Saturday, same place, you have a fine alt. Americana package with **The Handsome Family** and **Drunken Prayer**. The "handsome" couple is **Brett and Rennie Sparks**, originally from Chicago, now from Albuquerque. They've been around since '93, long enough to amass a mess of great songs. (She writes the lyrics, he writes the music.) Their big "hit" was "Far from Any Road," which was used every week at the start of the dark crime drama *True Detective* on HBO. They also do the occasional cover, like their version of "Famous Blue Rain-

coat" by the late great Leonard Cohen done for a star-studded concert/film *I'm Your Man*. (Mr. Cohen appeared in the concert backed by U2.)

Drunken Prayer is a duo from Asheville via PDX with **Morgan Geer** on guitar and **Jessie Carrot** on percussion, offering what they describe as "druggy spirituals, reluctant pop." In a short bio (on FB), Morgan claims in his hard life on the road, "I wrecked hundreds of cars, fell from tall buildings, got blown up, was dragged by horses, and along the way broke fifty-six bones." Liquor can do that to you, particularly combined with Jesus.

I've never been to the Fabulous Tip Top Club, the infamous topless bar you can see as you drive south on Hwy 101. I'm not particularly into pole dancing, which I associate with *The Sopranos* and bad gangster movies. I don't know how it works, but they've created a nightclub "in" the club with DJ dancing with **Gabe Pressure** and **DJ D'Vinity** and others spinning music for people with clothes on. This weekend, they have a couple of shows with some bigger names. Friday it's **Mickey Avalon**, an artist you'd perhaps expect to find in a strip club. He's from Hollywood and has a bio like a character in a sleazy movie: a drug addict who sold his body to support his crack/junk habit. His songs are about that life. He likes to take his shirt off.

Saturday it's someone you would *not* expect to see at Club Expression: **The Gift of Gab** formerly of Blackalicious. He was part of SoleSides and Quannum Projects, a very cool group of rappers and beat makers (originally from UC Davis) who led the Bay Area underground hip hop scene from the '90s into the Oughts. I've heard Gift of Gab a few times —

he has a way with words, spitting out complex raps with intelligent themes and skilled wordplay full of intricate internal rhymes. He's ending the year with a pre-New Years Quannum show reuniting Gab with Chief Xcel to re-form Blackalicious, they're performing with a reunited Latyrx with Lateef the Truthspeaker and Lyrics Born. Sorry, you'll have to go to Seattle for that show, here Gab's on the mic with **Max Bundles**, **Mr. P Chill**, **Asonred** and **DJ Pressure**. I assume the pole dancers are somewhere else in the building.

New detour
Finally, this just in (literally), I'm told Mad River Brewery will debut a new lineup for **The Honky Tonk Detours** on Wednesday, Nov. 30, adding **Marc Jeffares** of The Trouble to an already star-studded lineup. According to a press release (sent in after deadline) by former CR press officer **Paul DeMark**, "The Honky Tonk Detours are a five-piece band comprised of some of Humboldt County's top Americana and country musicians. The group play[s] vintage honky tonk and alt-country covers along with a mix of originals." (Paul is, in fact, one of our top local musicians.) He goes on to explain that, "Jeffares will sing lead and harmony vocals as well as play keyboards, mandolin and guitar with the Detours," (a band that already had three pretty good vocalists). "[Marc] will continue to play with The Trouble as well." (That's a relief.)

Wednesday also happens to be a **Pints for Nonprofits** day at the brewery with the above mentioned Eureka Symphony getting a dollar from every pint sold in what Paul describes as "the warm MRB big tent." Rain or shine or dark of night or whatever. Sounds like fun.

SCI-FI PINT & PIZZA NIGHT See *King of the Zombies* (1941) and other psychotronic weirdness, trailers, short films and strange giveaways **today, Nov. 30** at Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the main feature starts at 7:30 p.m. During World War II, a group stranded on an island takes refuge in a mad scientist's mansion, where they uncover a terrifying secret. Admission is free with \$5 minimum purchase of food or beverage. Parental guidance is suggested.

JACK LUCIDO FILMS The Local Filmmakers Night screening series presents a collection of short films by Jack Lucido **today, Nov. 30** at 7 p.m. in the Eureka High School Lecture Hall. Lucido recently completed *We Don't Haze* and is also the creator of *Across the Fence*, about sustainable ranching practices and *Jackson Sandwich*, about autism spectrum disorders. Following the screening, there will be a Q & A session, movie trivia, prizes and a reception.

Admission is \$5. filmhumboltdelnorte.org, accesshumboldt.net, (707) 476-1798

'SIMPLE GIFTS' is the theme of the HSU Symphonic Band concert, under the direction of Paul Cummings, **Friday, Dec. 2** at 8 p.m. in HSU's Fulkerson Recital Hall. Each work on the program is a widely performed classic of the concert band repertoire, and is also meant to be a simple and timeless gift to the audience. The traditional and straightforward compositional style will be heightened by the famous 19th century tune of "Simple Gifts" which is prominently featured in the stunning *Chorale and Shaker Dance*. Admission is \$8/\$5 for seniors and children/free for HSU students with ID.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION IN SONG The Ferndale Community Choir sings in the season with its 47th annual Christmas Celebration in Song **Saturday, Dec. 3** at 7:30 p.m. at Ferndale Community Church and

Sunday, Dec. 4 at 3 p.m. at Assumption Catholic Church in Ferndale. Accompanied by pianist Dana Christen, with Sherry Hanson on viola, director Betty Diehl leads the 56 member choir in a jubilant collection of sacred music that includes a melodic 13th century carol "Of the Father's Love Begotten," Arvo Part's joyous version of "Bogoróditse Djévo," and an exultant arrangement of the familiar "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." The choir also performs **Sunday, Dec. 11** at 3 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church in Eureka. ferndalechoir.com

'EMMANUEL, GOD WITH US' Messiah Family Ministries Combined Choirs perform their annual community Christmas Concert **Saturday, Dec. 3** at 6:30 p.m. and **Sunday, Dec. 4** at 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. at the McKinleyville Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1200 Central Ave. Admission is free.

SONGS SACRED AND SECULAR Join the

HSU Madrigal Singers and Mad River Transit Singers, directed by Rachel Samet, for an evening of vocal music from four different centuries **Sunday, Dec. 4** at 8 p.m. in HSU's Fulkerson Recital Hall. Hear contemporary sacred works juxtaposed with secular songs from the Renaissance, a set of vocal arrangements of standards from popular music forms including musical theater and jazz, the stunning *Five Hebrew Love Songs* set by Eric Whitacre to poetry by Hila Plitmann, and even a rousing chorus from *The Gondoliers* by Gilbert and Sullivan! Admission is \$8/\$5 for seniors and children/free for HSU students with ID.

AFFORDABLE ART Humboldt State University Third Street Gallery, 416 Third S., Eureka, presents "A Holiday Exhibition, Affordable Art for the Season" through Dec. 31. Nineteen artists display prints, ceramics, sculpture, and paintings that are affordable and are suitable for the gift-giving season. (707) 443-6363

CALENDAR	VENUE	WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30	THURSDAY, DEC. 1	FRIDAY, DEC. 2	SATURDAY, DEC. 3	SUNDAY, DEC. 4	MONDAY, DEC. 5	TUESDAY, DEC. 6
	Arcata Theatre Lounge 1036 G St., Arcata	6 p.m. • Sci Fi Pint & Pizza Night		9:30 p.m. Dimond Saints		5:30 p.m. • Ernest Saves Christmas		
	Blue Lake Casino 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake	9 p.m. DJ D-Funk	9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard	9 p.m. TBA	9 p.m. TBA	9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard		
	Cher-Ae Heights Casino 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad	8 p.m. Free pool		9 p.m. TBA	9 p.m. TBA	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv	8 p.m. 8-Ball Tourney	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv
	Humboldt Brews 856 10th St., Arcata	9 p.m. • Grateful Dead Dance Party	9:30 p.m. Zepparella	9:30 p.m. Ages and Ages	9:30 p.m. • The Handsome Family		9 p.m. • Kung Fu and Particle	
	The Jam 915 H St., Arcata	9 p.m. Whomp Whomp	9:30 p.m. • Thurs- day Night Bluegrass	9:30 p.m. Dubadubs	9:30 p.m. Fuego!	9:30 p.m. Sundaze		9 p.m. Comedy Night
	Libation 761 Eighth St., Arcata				7 p.m. Baron & Duane			
	Logger Bar 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake	8 p.m. Live Turtle Races	8 p.m. Holiday Craft Fair			6 p.m. Potluck dinner	all day Free pool	all day Free ping-pong
	Mad River Brewing Co. 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake	6 p.m. Hony Tonk Detours	6 p.m. TBA	6 p.m. TBA	6 p.m. TBA			6 p.m. Roland Rock
	Redwood Curtain Brewery 550 South G St., Arcata		8 p.m. • The Gate- house Well		8 p.m. Bump Foundation		7 p.m. Trivia Night	
	Six Rivers Brewery 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville					8 p.m. Trivia Night	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv	7:30 p.m. Sunny Brae Jazz

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WINTER OPEN STUDIO StewArt Studios, 1125 16th St., Arcata, presents a winter Open Studio Saturday and Sunday, Dec 3 and 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. All are welcome to enjoy and celebrate art with five local artists: Carol Andersen, Laura Corsiglia, Joyce Jonte, Peter Lisle (whose work appears at right) and Patricia Sennott. Paintings, drawings, etchings, monotypes and more will be offered along with refreshments and good cheer.



TEXTURES AND TRACES Close examination of works by Verdiere, above, and Franchon, below, reveals fine details.

Silence | By necessity

❖ FROM B1
charred wood; one can almost ‘hear’ it creak, yaw and shift. Other works resemble vertical ‘houses’ with overlapping ‘roofs’ that feature smooth, glassy surfaces, suggesting light and uplift. There is a tincture of the Asian about some of them; Frachon was in China in 2000, where he “sketched and sketched and sketched.” He has been in Humboldt County for close to 40 years.

In a sharp, yet complementary contrast, Verdiere’s oil paintings are the opposite of the structural density and concentration of his colleague’s sculptures. Although some of his work is geometric in the foreground with lines, squares, tendrils, rectangles or quasi-trapezoids, many other surfaces are so aqueous and mirage-like that an observer feels about to sink into their illusory depths and deliquesce in them. The longer an observer lingers over a Verdiere image, the deeper it becomes. The depth of field vanishes into an unreachable horizon.

Diaphanous, the non-geometric images are fluency incarnate, avatars of the calm and detachment silence invites. One could almost float inside his paintings; they are a vision of filmy immersion. It is as if pointillism had been taken to its extreme and the image had disappeared into itself.

The borders of the panel notwithstanding, the physical dimensions of space evaporate; there is no up, down or sides. Space resolves into infinity. The painting appears illuminated from inside, the light issuing from an untraceable source.

Verdiere sidesteps the traditional color palette; he experiments ceaselessly with different pigments in assorted shades, hints and hues. For applicators, he uses everything from kitchen utensils and wine bottles to cotton swabs and different size brayers, the old fashioned printing hand tools for evenly spreading ink.

“I coat the wood panel or paper with different thicknesses and play with them on the surface, releasing the paints in different ways,” he says. “As you layer them up with transparents, like linseed oil, the more pronounced paints will start taking their place in the foreground and predominate.”

For coloring, relief and varied hues, he scratches off a bit of paint or applies a corrosive, perhaps a dram of carburetor cleaner, “to get the paints to melt into each other.” Also, he daubs, smears or splashes color in small, minimalist strokes.

At first glance, the lion’s share of the open surface invites the viewer to “rest” the eye – and the mind. But then Verdiere’s wispy splotch of color, like the sudden flash of a struck match in the dark, snares the observer’s gimlet-eyed attention.

“My painting is not flat; it has lots happening in it,” he comments. “But it’s only if you pause and you look at it that you realize how much is going on in it.”

Verdiere’s most abstract works fit the very definition of “painterly,” a venerable technique



that gives precedence to qualities of color, surface and texture over line.

In the Piante exhibit, Verdiere, who was born in Strasbourg and grew up in the nearby village of Boersch in Alsace, wants viewers to regain “the appreciation of a single moment, being mindful of the moment, right here, right now.”

Silence engenders wonder. Verdiere chatted with a reporter together with Frachon over coffee, tea and bagels at the latter’s home north of Big Lagoon. It overlooks the ocean from a high promontory that confers a majestic view of the rain swept, frothing shoreline on a waning autumn day. Both artists built their own studios by hand.

Elaborating on the Piante exhibit’s theme of silence, Verdiere calls his oil works a response to his keen awareness “that the world we live in has a deepening aversion to quietude and tranquility. Everything is getting louder.”

Frachon feels the same about the modern “Tower of Babel.” The two friends have arrived independently at the reasoning of the 19th-20th century American novelist, Harold Bell Wright. He wrote:

“Eyes blinded by the fog of things cannot see truth. Ears deafened by the din of things cannot hear truth. Brains bewildered by the whirl of things cannot think truth. Hearts deadened by the weight of things cannot feel truth. Throats choked by the dust of things cannot speak truth.”

“In the face of this,” affirmed Frachon, “the artist has to create something that otherwise you cannot speak about or express, and that society does not want to hear about – the importance of what is really happening in life.”

He recalled the remark of a German friend who is also a sculptor of highly abstract creations. “If I could say it in words, if I could write poetry, that’s what I would do,” the friend said. “And since I can’t, I use forms.”

Hence *besoin de faire art*, the need to make art.

Frachon: “We artists use the media we’re comfortable with, to speak about things that [existentially] are very important. When Marceau came up with the idea of silence, that resonated with me and what my work is about also. I can’t talk about it, but I feel it.”

Both men said that words elude them and their respective arts offer alternative vocabularies. “I can articulate with painting what I can’t say properly with words,” Verdiere chimed in. “When I’m working on an idea of a painting, suddenly the colors, the shapes, the forms, the textures make sense; I feel I now understand how I felt. It’s all about an emotional reaction to some ideas, some thoughts, some problems that I can’t quite figure out.”

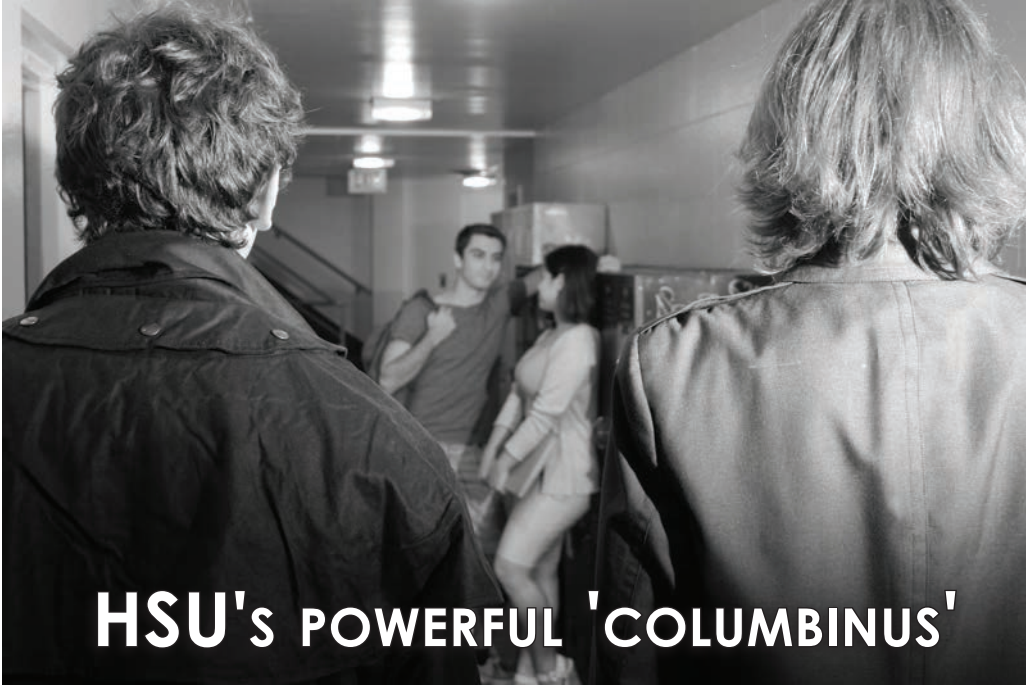
The two spurn the notion that any of the fine arts, architecture, music, painting or sculpture, are superior to the art of words. This despite the age-old complaints of writers about the impediments of language, as in the lament of the 18th century French novelist and dramatist Pierre Carlet de Chamblain de Marivaux, who wrote in *La Vie de Marianne*, “I know those with whom I live much better than I could describe them; there are things in them I do not apprehend well enough to put into words. ... They are the objects of emotions so complicated, so delicate in their precision, that they become confused

as soon as thought enters into them ... so that they are in me, but not mine.”

Frachon put it this way: “When I work in my studio, I feel what’s going on as I work on a piece; if I tried to write it, it would just seem very superficial.”

Verdiere added, “I’m often frustrated at not being able to say things with words that can make me understood. But more often than not, I can see a reaction in people when they look at a painting. And that makes me think, ‘Ah, here’s the connection.’ I feel more confident I’m being understood than when I try to talk to them about it.”

“Traces of Silence” opens Saturday, Dec. 3 during Arts Alive! at Piante Gallery, 620 Second St. in Old Town Eureka. piantegallery.com



HSU's POWERFUL 'COLUMBINUS'
CAUTION ADVISED Based on the Columbine High School massacre, *columbinus* addresses important and sensitive social topics. SUBMITTED PHOTO

MAD RIVER UNION
HSU – The Theatre, Film and Dance Department at Humboldt State University presents *columbinus*, opening this Friday and running for two weekends in the Gist Hall Theatre.

The play, inspired by the April 1999 massacre at Columbine High School in Colorado, looks at issues of alienation, hostility and social pressure in high schools.

That event sparked debate over high school culture, bullying and gun-control laws and raised concerns about teen angst, parenting, video games, popular music, the internet and school security.

The *columbinus* script was written by Stephen Karam and PJ Paparelli and the original production was created by the United States Theatre Project. The first act of the play is set in a stereotypical fictional American high school and follows the lives and struggles of eight teenage archetypes.

The second act presents chilling details of the massacre as it focuses on facts taken from the perpetrators' videos and personal journals, illustrating the days approaching and including the shootings and the suspects' suicides.

The original production received several awards including the Helen Hayes Award for Outstanding New Play.

This production is directed by Department of Theatre, Film and Dance Assistant Professor Troy

Lescher. Lescher saw the off-Broadway production and “knew immediately that this script would be a unique learning opportunity for students as well as a powerful play for university students to bring to life ...

It certainly explores topics that we do not always want or like to discuss when, in fact, we probably should be talking with young adults about these topics ... Given the violent aspects of our culture as well as the number of obstacles that high school students continue to endure, *columbinus* certainly maintains an abundant amount of relevance in 2016.”

Lescher adds that the play examines a “multitude of themes including identity, acceptance, success, bullying, depression, body image, eating disorders, family, sexual assault and friendship.”

The Humboldt State press release states, “It is to the university's credit that this play is being produced at this time given the current climate of uncertainty in both national and local politics. The arts in general, and live theatre in particular, offer us an important opportunity to step back and examine our priorities, our prejudices, our strengths and our weaknesses.”

It goes on to caution, “While the art form of theatre intends to create community and examine topics which may be uncomfortable, we recognize that in this current climate many people are feeling

vulnerable and emotionally taxed to capacity. Given the provocative and emotional nature of the subject matter in *columbinus*, please use your judgment as to whether this production is right for you at this time.”

HSU Counseling and Psychology Services staff psychologist Dr. Craig Beeson will be leading post-play discussions following the weekend performances. These discussions will provide an opportunity in a group setting to share and process some of the reactions that may have been brought up in the play.

The cast consists of eight actors, with seven from HSU and one from CR. The production opens Friday, Dec. 2 and continues Dec. 3, 8, 9 and 10 at 7:30 p.m. There will be one matinee performance Sunday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. Due to adult content and language, the production is recommended for ages 16 and older. Admission is \$10/\$8 for students and seniors/free for HSU students. Parking is free on weekends.

For tickets, call (707) 826-3928. For more information, call (707) 826-3566.

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THE CREATION SERIES Humboldt State University Third Street Gallery, 416 Third St., Eureka, presents “The Creation Series,” a series of paintings by Kathrin Burleson, through Dec. 31. The series features a selection of vibrant watercolor paintings, such as *Steller's Jay*, above, inspired by the Biblical book of *Genesis*. Burleson does not consider herself a literalist when it comes to Scripture, instead preferring its metaphorical potential, stating that, “Life is so beautiful and so precious and so brief.” Burleson earned a Master's in Art from Humboldt State, where she studied under Leslie Kenneth Price. This exhibition is produced by students enrolled in HSU's Art Museum and Gallery Practices Program. A reception will be held Saturday, Dec. 3 from 6 to 9 p.m. during Arts Alive! (707) 443-6363

On The House...

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You have a listing appointment with a real estate agent who shows up with a detailed market analysis and a list of all the advantages of listing with his or her company. The agent then goes through every part of your home, making suggestions about how you can stage your home to show at its best.

This last part makes some sellers a little uncomfortable. The Realtor's recommendations about cosmetic improvements can make sellers realize that they should have been more vigilant in keeping up with what seemed like minor “fix-up” projects. If your realtor's suggestions make you feel a little defensive, remember that none of this is personal!

Occasionally, we encounter a housekeeper who maintains a house to perfection, but that is rare. Most sellers need a little coaching to make their homes show well. Providing concrete ideas for home staging is an important part of our job. The better your home looks while it's on the market area, the more likely it is to sell quickly, and for the best price.

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Holiday cheer in the seaside village

Trinidad Civic Club's Christmas Tea, with a gingerbread decorative theme, is Thursday, Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Club Room, Town Hall. Members and guests are cordially invited to bring savory or sweet treats to share.

Co-Presidents Dana Hope and Tonda Ferrando have invited past Presidents Marilyn Westberg, Susan Morton, Marta Tennant, Donna Haddock, Liz Thatcher, Kathleen Duncan, Patti Williams, Judy Heyenga and Anne Odom to join the festive gathering. Tables are laid with the best silver and china. Trinidad's favorite pianist, Jackie Hogan, will play Christmas music and Song Circle organizer Penne O'Gara will lead carol singing. Jan West and Kathleen Duncan will help host the very merry gathering.

Ladies interested in learning more about club events and projects are welcome to join in the fun. Call (707) 677-3816 for information.

As a future project, Past President Anne Odom suggests a new club or community cause: finding sources for medical equipment to use and return for Trinidad area residents. She reminds us that the late Donna Lin began this project when she ran Village Keepers. There is no business meeting at the Christmas Tea, so this matter won't be on the agenda, but Anne wants to get the word out if local groups are interested in continuing Donna's work.

Jingle and Mingle

The Greater Trinidad Chamber of Commerce



board of directors, President Angie Harder and Executive Director Ashley Mobley invite all of Trinidad to join the annual holiday party set for Saturday, Dec. 10 from 6 to 10:30 p.m. at Trinidad Town Hall.

Cocktails and hearty hand passed appetizers by Uniquely Yours are planned along with a Dutch raffle, live auction and dancing.

Tickets are \$25 per person. Purchase tickets no later than Dec. 5 at the Lighthouse Grill, Moonstone Crossing and Salty's. Email ashleymobley@trinidadcalif.com for details.

Meet the new county librarian

Kristin Dalziel, manager of the Trinidad Branch of the Humboldt County Library, together with Friends of the Trinidad Library invites the community to meet the new County Librarian, Vanessa Christman, at the Trinidad Library Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

Community Open House

Watch for news from Friends of the Trinidad Library, Trinidad School, local shops, restaurants, wineries and nonprofit organizations on special craft fairs, music and offerings of every joyful nature all day Sunday, Dec. 11 in Trinidad.

More next week!

Happy Birthday in December

Happy Birthday to Connie Butler, Joey Wauters, Beverly Zeman!

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.

FALL ARTS & ARTISANS FAIR

Humboldt State University's Art Department hosts its fifth annual Fall Arts and Artisans Fair **today, Nov. 30** from 3 to 6 p.m. and **Thursday, Dec. 1** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in HSU's Reese Bullen Gallery. Students and studio art clubs will sell paintings, photography, ceramics, jewelry, sculpture, prints, mixed media creations, crafts and more. Admission is free. (707) 826-5814

MIRROR IMAGE SYMMETRY

Pomona College Mathematics Professor Erica Flapan discusses mirror image symmetry in life, mathematics, and chemistry in the 68th Harry S. Kieval Lecture **Thursday, Dec. 1** at 7:30 p.m., in Humboldt State's Founders Hall, Room 118. Flapan's talk is free, will be accessible to the general audience and assumes no previous knowledge of the subject.

ARMACK RUMMAGE SALE

The ArMack (Arcata and McKinleyville high schools) Orchestra and Arcata High School Madrigal Choir hold a giant weekend rummage sale **Saturday, Dec 3** and **Sunday, Dec. 4** at Arcata High's new AHS Performing Arts Center. Hours are Saturday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m. to noon. Admission is

free after 8 a.m. both days; "early bird" admission is \$10 from 7 to 8 a.m. Coffee and homemade treats will be available by donation. Proceeds help fund the orchestra and choirs' spring competition trip to Seattle.

DHARMA TALKS

Soto Zen Priest Eugene Bush offers free Dharma talks titled "The 1,000 Hands of Zanzeon" **Sunday, Dec. 4** and "Buddha's Awakening" **Sunday, Dec. 11**. Both are held at the Trilium Dance Studio, 855 Eighth St., Arcata at 9:20 a.m. Meditation begins at 8 a.m. (707) 826-1701, arcatazen.org

ART TALK

Painter Paul Rickard gives a presentation on his new exhibition "Humboldt Bay: A Watercolorist Perspective from the Other Side of the Tracks" at the Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St., Eureka, **Sunday, Dec. 4** at 2 p.m. Rickard's work explores the beauty of the Humboldt coast and the troubled homeless populations who occupy these spaces. Rickard will donate 30 percent of the proceeds of all artwork sales from this exhibition to the Betty Chinn Homeless Foundation. His exhibition is on view through Jan. 15.

Some weirdos are charming

Everyone has inside of him a piece of good news. The good news is that you don't know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is!

— Anne Frank

In describing these kittens I admit I am assuming, for who can know at this stage what nature might be looming, yet emotional calculus can provide certain differentials, an estimation of change, of their lovely potentials.

In Rosebud I see a cat so full of passion, who carries herself in a most fiery fashion, how they will gape with dropped jaws at a lady so awesome, how I envy the family with whom she will blossom.

In Lillypad I predict a most calming spirit, she will invoke such stilling silence you will swear you can hear it, for a more placid life I would give her my vote, when life feels too stormy, Lillypad is a boat.

In Buttercup I sense such lightness and joy,

whether cuddling or climbing or chasing a toy, she is playful and spunky and fluffy and bright, for those seeking fun she is a wondrous delight.

In Peapod I prophesize a companion quite quirky, peering into his mind my view is rather murky, but odd ones can have value, give enigmas a try, some weirdos are charming, look at Peapod and I.



Buttercup



Zeus

Rosebud, Lillypad, Buttercup, and Peapod are four very young, very adorable sibling kittens up for adoption at Companion Animal Foundation. They will be spayed/neutered prior to adoption.

If you would like to help animals in your community in

ways other than adoption, consider volunteering with CAF, spreading word of the organization's efforts and animals, and joining in the following events.

Thursday, Dec. 1 from 5 to 9 p.m. is the *Pinups & Pooches* calendar release party at Applebee's, 2846 Broadway, Eureka, where lovely pinup models will be present for autographs and revelry. Sunday, Dec. 11 CAF co-hosts the "Santa Paws" Christmas party with Humboldt Pet Supply, 145 G St., Arcata, where your furry friends can get festive photos with Santa himself! Funds raised at both of these events directly benefit the purchase of a mobile vet unit that will allow CAF to provide veterinary services in remote and low-income areas as cheaply as possible.

Lastly but not at all least, visit the animals and share photos of them on social media! CAF has three beautiful Malamute/Pitbull/German Shepherd puppies (and many kittens) who might find the perfect home due to your help.

For more information on these events or animals, visit cafanimals.org, check out [Facebook.com/CompanionAnimalFoundation](https://www.facebook.com/CompanionAnimalFoundation) and follow us on Instagram ([/companion_animal_foundation](https://www.instagram.com/companion_animal_foundation)). You can also call (707) 826-7387 and visit our thrift store and animal program center at 88 Sunny Brae Center, Arcata.



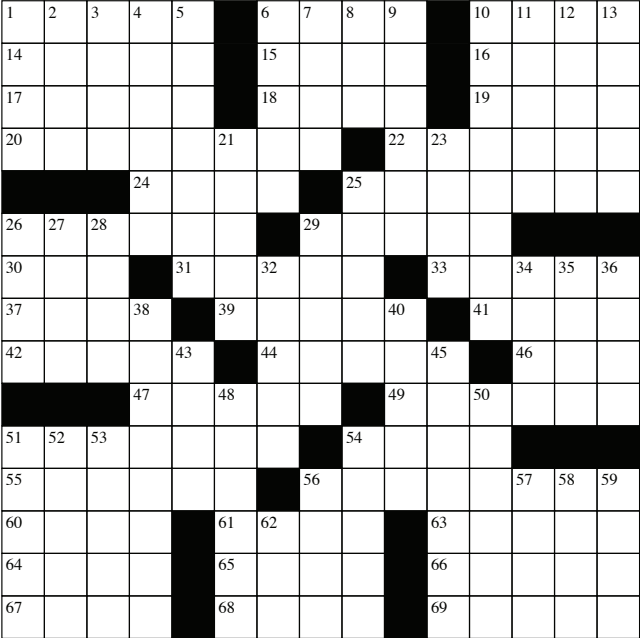
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- Male animal
- Dagger
- Unconscious conditions
- Food made with corn
- Musical passage
- Halt, at sea
- Within: pref.
- Singing brothers
- Snail's feature
- Change Peking to Beijing, e.g.
- Common Latin abbr.
- Chairpersons' lists
- Warden
- Questioning word
- Of thee and me
- British fencer's weapon
- Church feature
- Clumsy boats
- ___ water; do the dog paddle
- Miffed
- Like a twang
- Llamas' home
- Ingested
- Crazy people
- ___ down; arranged a spot for oneself to sleep
- Smooth dessert
- Free from sin
- Relax
- Ticket that no one wants
- Home for two
- Town on the Thames
- California athlete
- Uncivil
- Seldom found
- Bunker and others
- Beholds
- Basks
- Weather condition

DOWN

- Opposite of "Welcome!"
- Strong emotion
- Country whose capital is Muscat
- Lavender or sky blue
- Landed properties
- Short period of time
- Sound
- Industrious insect
- Burns, for one
- Machines at supermarket checkout lines
- Tent dweller
- Swelling
- Lets up
- Gold measure
- Architect Saarinen
- Leading
- ___ Rivers
- Particular atmosphere
- Sticks in one's craw
- Christopher and family
- ___ X
- Urge on
- Mr. Johnson
- Have to have
- Soup accompaniments
- First appearance
- Banking transaction
- Angels
- Tall ___; difficult assignments
- Particular
- Signalers
- Inappropriate
- One who spends kronor
- Long
- Yellow food
- Lazy
- Heraldic bearing
- Cardinal's home
- Greek letter



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Someone's got an irresistibly kissable baby face

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Thanksgiving week saw the adoption of 15 dogs! That certainly made a difference for the shelter.

Six new dogs passed temperament testing on Thanksgiving and will be waiting to meet new adopters this week. The new dogs include a beautiful big male Husky, two blue and white Pittie girls – one very outgoing and the other very quiet – a young female Border Collie, a female Husky/Shepherd and a friendly little Shiba Inu mix. You can always see the most current listing of adoptable dogs by going to petharbor.com and choosing the Humboldt County Sheriff's Animal Shelter.



Some of our favorite dogs are still waiting for their special person to come and pick them. Loki is now our longest resident. He is a middle-aged male dog of mixed lineage. Loki is listed as a Pit Bull mix, though his face and shape look more like Shepherd and his brindle coloring could easily be Plott Hound.

Loki is described by one of our volunteers as "the consummate gentleman." He is very easy on the leash and is often the first one out in the morning as everyone enjoys walking him. Loki is housebroken, knows sit and has been trained to speak on command. He is a very quiet



DOG TOWN Mara Segal

dog when not showing off his trick.

Loki is fine with other dogs and has gone to several events "off-campus" where he has behaved nicely. He has put on some extra pounds during his stay at the shelter, which may influence people's

first impression of him, but these will melt away when he is allowed more exercise than he gets in the shelter.

Loki is such a good boy; we can't believe he hasn't found a home yet. He is able to hang out quietly during the day so would be a good companion for a working person. Coming home to Loki at the end of the day would make anyone feel good!

Bubba is another volunteer favorite. He is listed as an 8-year-old Pit Bull Terrier mix. Bubba was abandoned at the shelter with two teenage pups. Bubba has shown a lot of patience with young dogs, perhaps as a result of his experience around his own pups.

Bubba is friendly with other dogs. He has been a good dog for us to pair with others that need some socialization experience. He will correct their behavior when needed, but always in a gentle way. Bubba loves to play fetch and will return the ball to the thrower. He is an easy walker and makes a good jogging partner as well.

Bubba is housebroken and has a good sit. He is very attentive when

treats are presented and would be easy to train. His volunteer friend Meghan describes him as having "an irresistibly kissable baby face." Bubba would be an easy fit for a variety of situations. He really enjoys spending time with people and will make a great companion for some lucky person.

Both Bubba and Loki are neutered, microchipped and current on their vaccinations. They are available through the Humboldt County Animal Shelter at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville. More information can be found at petharbor.com or by calling the shelter at (707) 840-9132.

Another blind dog came in to the shelter recently. This dog, Arlo, has developed very good skills for navi-



gating the world. You almost wouldn't know that he was blind if you didn't see him bump the occasional wall.

Arlo is an 8-year-old Lab/Border Collie mix. He is housebroken and good around other dogs. He does fine walking on the leash and knows to stay close to his person for safety.

He has no detectable behavior issues, but his apparent special needs might make him harder to adopt, so Redwood Pals is helping him to find a good home. If you think you might have room for this nice dog in your heart and home, please contact us at Redwood Pals Rescue, either by email at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com or by phone at (707) 839-9692.



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Filing Deadline: 4pm, December 6th, 2016.

Performs technical routine to complex duties related to the inspection, maintenance, and operation of the City's waste-water collection system and equipment. EOE. Application packet available at: www.cityofarcata.org or City Manager's Office, 736 F Street, Arcata; (707) 822-5953.

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❖ HOSPICE OF HUMBOLDT

Light Up a Life this holiday season

HOSPICE OF HUMBOLDT

EUREKA – For over 30 years, Hospice of Humboldt has offered the local community a time to come together to remember and honor the lives of their loved ones. This year, Hospice offers two candle lighting remembrance ceremonies Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 4 and at 7 p.m. The ceremonies are free of charge and take place in Hospice of Humboldt Homecare conference room, 3327 Timber Fall Ct. in Eureka.

The ceremonies are in one central Eureka location and include presentations from Hospice speakers as well as live music. Local songstress Shyniesa Currie will sing at the 4 p.m. ceremony, and the Arcata Community Interfaith Gospel Choir will sing at the 7 p.m. ceremony. In addition to the candle lighting portion of the ceremony, there are two “interactive” ways those who attend can participate. Community members are encouraged to bring a small memento or photo of their loved one to place on the memorial altar during the ceremony. They are also encouraged to add their loved one’s name to the Light Up a Life memorial and honoree list that hangs on the wall during the ceremony.

As part of celebrating and honoring loved ones, Hospice offers limited edition heart-shaped Swarovski crystals for donations made in a loved one’s name. The beautiful 1.5-inch crystal is gift boxed and ready to hang. The crystal reflects many colors as it catches light. Hospice provides a hanging cord and tag for your loved one’s name. Individual hearts are \$60, two are \$100 and three are \$120. Hearts will be available at the ceremony.

The names of those remembered will be printed in mid-December in the *Times Standard* newspaper’s Light Up a Life donated page and displayed at four locations throughout our community through the end of December. These locations include Eureka City Hall, Arcata City Hall, Umpqua Bank in Fortuna and Eureka Natural Foods in McKinleyville.

Hospice of Humboldt has been serving families locally for over 35 years, has a staff of over 90 employees, and is privileged to work with 126 volunteers. Hospice provided end-of-life care to 550 patients last year. The person-centered care Hospice provides through both at home and at the Ida Emmerson Hospice House allows patients comfort and dignity and gives families support at a time when they need it most.

For more information about Light Up a Life or Hospice of Humboldt, call (707) 445-8443 or visit hospiceofhumboldt.org.

LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
16-00636
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **NORTHERN EMERALDS 5550 WEST END RD. ARCATA, CA 95521 600 F ST., SUITE 3, #839 ARCATA, CA 95521 ECD, INC. 3785227 235 MONTGOMERY ST., SUITE 657 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104** This business is conducted by: A Corporation **S/CODY STROSS, CEO OF ECD, INC.** This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on OCT. 31, 2016 **KELLY E. SANDERS LH DEPUTY CLERK** 11/09, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
16-00631
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **WILD GOOSE QUILTING 2479 SONNENFELT RD. BAYSIDE, CA 95524 JOANIE B. WEISER 2479 SONNENFELT RD. BAYSIDE, CA 95524** This business is conducted by: An Individual **S/JOANIE WEISER, OWNER** This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on OCT. 27, 2016 **KELLY E. SANDERS AA DEPUTY CLERK** 11/09, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
16-00647
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **(1) HEART'S LEAP (2) HEART'S LEAP WINES 5303 BOYD RD., UNIT G ARCATA, CA 95521 KEVIN PATZKOWSKY 880 17TH ST. ARCATA, CA 95521** This business is conducted by: An Individual **S/KEVIN PATZKOWSKY, OWNER** This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on NOV. 2, 2016 **KELLY E. SANDERS AA DEPUTY CLERK** 11/09, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
16-00637
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ARCATA COMPOST COMPANY 839 9TH ST. ARCATA, CA 95521 P.O. BOX 1034 ARCATA, CA 95518 ALEC M. HOWARD 1166 H STREET ARCATA, CA 95521** This business is conducted by: An Individual **S/ALEC HOWARD, OWNER** This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on OCT. 31, 2016 **KELLY E. SANDERS AA DEPUTY CLERK** 11/09, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
16-00644
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CALIFORNIA HEATING 4935 BOYD ROAD ARCATA, CA 95521 LESLIE D. BESTUL 2695 ELIZABETH ROAD MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519 NATHAN R. MILLER 946 BURNT STUMP LANE FIELDBROOK, CA 95519**

This business is conducted by: [left blank] **S/NATHAN MILLER, OWNER** This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on NOV. 1, 2016 **KELLY E. SANDERS AA DEPUTY CLERK** 11/09, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30

ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME 16-00491
County of original filing: Humboldt
Date of original filing: 8/10/2016
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **GOOD FIT REFERRAL NETWORK 985 G STREET ARCATA, CA 95521 GREGORY M. ANDERSON 1717 CARDINAL DRIVE MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519** This business is conducted by: An Individual **S/GREGORY M. ANDERSON, BROKER/OWNER** This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on NOV. 10, 2016 **KELLY E. SANDERS SC DEPUTY CLERK** 11/16, 11/23, 11/30, 12/7

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
16-00665
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **GOOD FIT REFERRAL NETWORK 1175 G STREET, SUITE B ARCATA, CA 95521 SHERILYN A. MUNGER 808 SCHOOL ROAD MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519** This business is conducted by: An Individual **S/SHERILYN MUNGER, BROKER/OWNER** This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on NOV. 10, 2016 **KELLY E. SANDERS SC DEPUTY CLERK** 11/16, 11/23, 11/30, 12/7

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
16-00678
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATOR ACCOUNTING SERVICES 2000 GRANGE ROAD MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519 JEROME K. CARMAN 2000 GRANGE ROAD MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519** This business is conducted by: An Individual **S/JEROME CARMAN, OWNER** This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on NOV. 18, 2016 **KELLY E. SANDERS SC DEPUTY CLERK** 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
ALEXANDER W. STICK AND STACIE W. STICK filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: THEODORE WADE STICK to Proposed name THEODORE WADE.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear

before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changing described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: December 12, 2016 Time: 1:45 p.m. Dept.: 3

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union. Date: NOV 03, 2016 DALE A. REINHOLTSEN Judge of the Superior Court 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30

SUMMONS (FAMILY LAW) FL160648
Petitioner's Name: Elizabeth A. Volner NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: Ronald C. Dieringer You have been sued. Read the information below and on the next page. (Page 1 of 2)
You have **30 calendar days** after this *Summons* and *Petition* are served on you to file a *Response* (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call, or court appearance will not protect you.
If you do not file your *Response* on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs.

For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org), or by contacting your local county bar association.

NOTICE—RESTRAINING ORDERS ARE ON PAGE 2: These restraining orders are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered, or the court makes further orders. They are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.
FEE WAIVER: If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. The court may order you to pay back all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for you or the other party.
1. The name and address of the court are Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt 825 Fifth St. Eureka, CA 95501
2. The name, address,

and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney are:
Elizabeth A. Volner 230 Wabash Ave. #3 Eureka, CA 95501 Date: SEP 08 2016 KIM M. BARTLESON Clerk, by KIM S. Deputy (Page 2 of 2)

STANDARD FAMILY LAW RESTRAINING ORDERS Starting immediately, you and your spouse or domestic partner are restrained from:

- removing the minor children of the parties from the state or applying for a new or replacement passport for those minor children without the prior written consent of the other party or an order of the court;
- cashing, borrowing against, canceling, transferring, disposing of, or changing the beneficiaries of any insurance or other coverage, including life, health, automobile and disability, held for the benefit of the parties and their minor children;
- transferring, encumbering, hypothecating, concealing, or in any way disposing of any property, real or personal, whether community, quasi-community, or separate, without the written consent of the other party or an order of the court, except in the usual course of business or for the necessities of life; and
- creating a nonprobate transfer or modifying a nonprobate transfer in a manner that affect the disposition of property subject to the transfer, without the written consent of the other party or an order of the court. Before revocation of a nonprobate transfer can take effect or a right of survivorship to property can be eliminated, notice of the changed must be filed and served on the other party.

You must notify each other of any proposed extraordinary expenditures at least five business days prior to incurring these extraordinary expenditures and account to the court for all extraordinary expenditures made after these restraining orders are effective. However, you may use community property, quasi-community property, or your own separate property to pay an attorney to help you or to pay court costs.

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action should die before the jointly held community property is divided, the language of the deed that characterizes how titled is held (i.e., joint tenancy, tenants in common, or community property) will be controlling, and not the community property presumption. You should consult your attorney if you want the community property presumption to be written into the recorded title to the property. 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30

SUMMONS (FAMILY LAW) FL160838
Petitioner's Name: Roy Sandbank NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: Claudia Canha You have been sued. Read the information below and on the next page. (Page 1 of 2)
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Roy Sandbank 1805 4th St. Eureka, CA 95501 Date: NOV 16 2016 KIM M. BARTLESON Clerk, by KATRINA W. Deputy (Page 2 of 2)

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CITY OF ARCATA NOTICE OF ARCATA PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING AND INTENT TO ADOPT

A CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT EXEMPTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Arcata Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, beginning at 6:00 p.m. (or as soon thereafter as can be heard) in the City Council Chambers, Arcata City Hall, 736 F St., to take action on the project listed below.
Project: A Land Use Code (LUC) text amendment to delete Chapter 9.60 – Flood Hazard Mitigation Standards which has been incorporated, as amended, into Title VIII, Chapter 4, of the City of Arcata's Municipal Code.
Application Type: Land Use Code Text Amendment
Location: The Flood Hazard Mitigation Standards apply to all properties currently identified as being located in the FEMA Flood Zone
Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs): City wide
Applicant: City of Arcata
Property Owner(s): The Flood Hazard Mitigation Standards apply to all properties currently identified as being located in the FEMA Flood Zone
File Number: n/a
Zoning and General Plan: Variety
Coastal Status: Many, but not all, of the properties subject to these Standards are located within the Coastal zone
Environmental: Staff recommends that the Planning Commission find the action of moving a Code Section from one location in the Municipal

Code to another exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15061(b)(3) because the text amendment will not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.
Date of Application: n/a
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the information regarding the proposed project and environmental determination may be reviewed at the Community Development Department at Arcata City Hall, 736 F Street, Arcata on weekdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or by phone: 707-822-5955. Contact person: Alyson Hunter, Senior Planner.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this action is appealable. In compliance with §9.76.030 of the City's Land Use Code, any aggrieved person who, in person, in writing, or by representative, informed the City of their concerns at or before the hearing or decision may appeal a final action by the review authority. Appeals must be filed within 10 business days following the date of the action by filing an appeal, along with the applicable fee.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, pursuant to §1094.5 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, "If you challenge City action on a proposed project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the hearing body at, or prior to, the public hearing(s)." 11/30

NOTICE OF CITY OF ARCATA PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Hone Design Review Permit/Minor Use Permit/Lot Line Adjustment at 76 So. G Street, Arcata. APNs 503-211-035, -036, -037, -038; File # 167-016-DR2-LLA

The project is scheduled for a public hearing at the Planning Commission on December 13, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., in the Arcata City Council Chambers, at 736 F Street, Arcata.

Project:

The Design Review project is proposing a new 2-story retail, office and warehouse building, totaling ±15,089 sf, with 10,794 sf total warehouse space; 1,095 sf office; and 3,200 sf retail space. Furthermore, a 1,600 sf new warehouse is proposed. Three existing metal structures totaling 5,653 sf will be demolished. Fire access and vehicular circulation and parking will be improved by adding a 20' wide circular fire lane/driveway. The Design Review permit includes a Master Sign Permit to address signage for multiple tenants. The applicant also requests a Minor Use Permit to accommodate the existing retail use associated with the Water Planet warehouse and to allow several specific uses as identified in the Conditions of Approval.

The project proposes extensive landscaping, native plantings, LID features, drainage improvements, large overhangs to protect the building walls, and night sky friendly lighting. A large solar photo-voltaic system will be installed on the roof of the new building at the rear. A new rain garden to capture run-off from the site and an interpretive garden feature, using native plants, will be constructed at the northwest area of the property. Furthermore, the project a lot line adjustment between lots -035 through -038 to result in 2 lots which will accommodate the existing building. All development will be served by municipal water and sewer.

Location: 76 So. G Street

Assessor Parcel Nos: 503-211-035, -036, -037, -038

Owner/Applicant: Brian Hone and Gavin Hone

Date of application: September 30, 2016

File Number: 167-016-DR2-LLA

Zoning/General Plan: Coastal Industrial-Commercial (I-C)/Industrial Limited (IL)

Coastal Zone: The project is located in the Coastal Zone

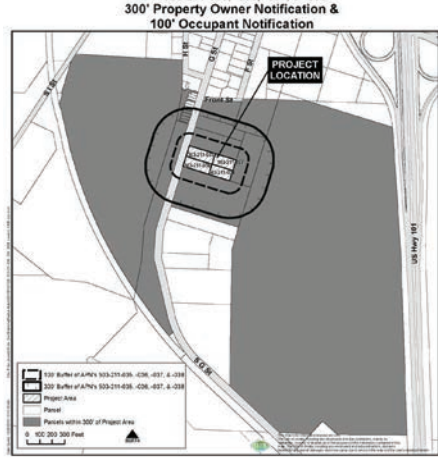
Environmental: Project is exempt from environmental review per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Categorical Exemptions §15305 for lot line adjustments and §15332 for Infill Development.

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Posted by: December 2, 2016





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Tickets for the Greater Trinidad Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party cost \$25 each and are available at Salty's, Lighthouse Grill, Moonstone Crossing Winery, or by calling 707-677-1610.



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REDWOOD TREE RINGS TALK Humboldt State Research Associate Allyson Carroll describes how we can learn about trees and forests using coast redwood tree rings. This is the third and final lecture in this year's Forest Ecology Lecture Series, sponsored by the City of Arcata. The free lecture takes place **Thursday, Dec. 1** at 6 p.m. at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center, 569 South G St. Seating is limited, so arrive early or call (707) 826-2359 to reserve a seat.

WEASELS, MOUNTAIN LIONS AND MARIJUANA Join the HSU Natural History Museum for an evening lecture **Thursday Dec. 1** at 7 p.m. In "Weasels, mountain lions and marijuana: a naturalist's perspective," Phil Johnson, a professional tracker and wildlife biologist currently studying fishers and mountain lions for the Hoopa Valley

Tribe, will highlight research on Pacific fishers, river otters, mountain lions and the ecological consequences of trespass marijuana grows, with anecdotes on animal behavior. The museum is located in the historic Figuerido's building at 1242 G St. in Arcata across from Wildberries Marketplace. Donations are always appreciated and warm drinks and goodies will be provided. (707) 826-4479, humboldt.edu/natmus

FOAM MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh sponsors a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary **Saturday, Dec. 3** at 2 p.m. Meet leaders Elliot Dabill and Paul Johnson at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute walk focusing on the ecology of and photography at the Marsh. Bring your camera! Loaner binoculars available with photo ID. (707) 826-2359

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